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SUBJECT:NUTRITION LOAN PACKAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF APPROVED NUTRITION LOAN/PVO STATEMENT,
EMBASSY MAY RELEASE IF AND WHEN IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

1. THE U.S. EMBASSY WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF FOUR PROJECTS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE LEAST FAVORED AND POOREST SECTORS OF THE NICARAGUAN POPULATION. THREE OF THESE PROJECTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS. THE FOURTH PROJECT, TO EMPHASIZE NUTRITIONAL IMPROVEMENT, WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERSECTORIAL COMMISSION FOR ALIMENTATION AND NUTRITION.

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2. THE NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT LOAN OF DOLLARS 3.0 MILLION IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE BASIC NUTRITION OF THE LOW INCOME, RURAL POPULATION OF NICARAGUA. THE PROJECT WILL SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS MAJOR DEFICIENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MALNOURISHED IN RURAL AREAS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN UNDER SIX, AND PREGNANT-NURSING WOMEN, THROUGH PROJECTS IN NUTRITION EDUCATION, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF

FORTIFIED AND HIGH-PROTEIN/CALORIE FOODS AND SPECIAL
MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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3. ONE OF THE GRANTS WILL BE DESTINED FOR THE NICARAGUAN
FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (FUNDE) FOR ITS CURRENT
PROJECT "COOPERATIVES FOR SMALL RURAL MERCHANTS" TO
ESTABLISH NEW AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING COOPERATIVES FOR
MERCHANTS, ARTISANS, AND SMALL HOME INDUSTRIES IN RURAL
AREAS OF BETWEEN 2,000 AND 10,000 POPULATION. THE OTHER
TWO GRANTS WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE WISCONSIN-
NICARAGUAN PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS. THE FIRST GRANT FOR
THE "REGIONAL PROJECT OF EDUCATION BY RADIO", AIMS AT
PROVIDING REGIONAL RADIO SERVICE WHICH WILL EMPHASIZE
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT, AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES, NUTRITION AND
BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ZONES IN PUERTO CABEZAS AND WASPAM.
THE SECOND GRANT WILL ASSIST THE "REGIONAL HEALTH PROJECT
FOR THE EAST COAST" BY FINANCING REGIONAL HEALTH CENTERS
IN 28 TOWNS WITH A POPULATION BELOW 1,000 AND WITH AN
ESTIMATED FAMILY INCOME OF DOLLARS 75.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THESE ARE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BENEFIT THE POOREST PEOPLE OF
NICARAGUA. CHRISTOPHER UNQTE VANCE

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